

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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Subject: Facility Access		

I. Policy Statement

Access to JJS facilities and programs shall be restricted to JJS Division staff, allied agencies, staff and persons with direct responsibility for services. Members of the general public shall only have access to JJS facilities with prior approval from the program or facility director, or if they are accessing JJS services.
(See also Policy 01-10 regarding facility access by news media representatives).

II. Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the security of the Division facilities is maintained and that confidentiality of our clients is not breached.

III. Definitions

- A. "Allied agencies" are community partners and providers that contract with the Division or provide services for the juveniles in our care.
- B. A member of the "general public" is any person who has no direct connection with or responsibility to the Division or the Division's clients.

IV. Procedures

- A. Division staff shall not allow unauthorized visitors to enter a secure area without prior approval from the program or facility director.
 - 1. Approval for access to the secure area of the facility shall be limited to individuals and groups who provide a specific service to the Division and its clients.
 - 2. Division staffs' family or friends, who are visiting staff, shall remain in the reception area and be met by the staff member in this area. Division staffs' family and friends shall not be allowed access to the secure area of the facility without prior approval of the program or facility director.
 - 3. Division staff shall deny access to persons who do not have legitimate business at the facility.
- B. Known felons shall not have access to any JJS facilities or programs. Exceptions may be made for volunteers who have met the security and clearance requirements of Policy 01-03, Volunteers & Donations, only interact with a group of juveniles and are directly supervised by JJS staff when interacting with

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juveniles. Exceptions have to be approved in writing by the program or facility director.

- C. Individuals and groups may be allowed tours with prior approval from the program or facility director.
- D. Division staff shall prohibit visitors from using facility equipment or being involved in any facility programming, unless otherwise approved by the program or facility director.

V. Continuous Renewal

This policy shall be reviewed every three (3) years to determine its effectiveness and appropriateness. This policy may be reviewed before that time to reflect substantive change.

This Policy has been reviewed by the Board of Juvenile Justice Services and is approved upon the signature of the Director.

Signature On File

Kirk Allen, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice Services

01/22/10

Signature Date



Dan Maldonado, Director
Division of Juvenile Justice Services

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